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# Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers requirements and test methods for materials, dimensions, workmanship, chemical resistance, and joint tightness of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) sewer and drain pipe and fittings. Perforated pipe is also covered; the joint tightness test is not applicable for perforated pipe. A form of marking to indicate compliance with this specification is also included.

1.2 The text of this specification references notes, footnotes, and appendixes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D1784 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds

D2122 Test Method for Determining Dimensions of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings

D2152 Test Method for Adequacy of Fusion of Extruded Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe and Molded Fittings by Acetone Immersion

D2321 Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity-Flow Applications

D2412 Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel-Plate Loading

D2444 Practice for Determination of the Impact Resistance of Thermoplastic Pipe and Fittings by Means of a Tup (Falling Weight)

D2564 Specification for Solvent Cements for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping Systems

F412 Terminology Relating to Plastic Piping Systems

2.2 *Federal Standard:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment (Civil Agencies)<sup>3</sup>

2.3 *Military Standard:*

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions used are in accordance with Terminology F412, and abbreviations are in accordance with Terminology D1600, unless otherwise specified. The abbreviation for poly(vinyl chloride) is PVC.

3.1.1 *perforated pipe*—pipe having holes cut through the wall along its length.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The pipe and fittings in this specification are designed and have the physical, chemical, and other properties for sewer and drainage applications outside the building. The pipe is not intended for use as public or municipal collector sewers. The following lists the typical applications for the sewer and drain pipe:

4.1.1 *Building sewers and underground drains*—standard,

4.1.2 *Storm drainage*—standard and perforated,

4.1.3 *House connections to septic tanks*—standard,

<sup>3</sup> Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, http://quicksearch.dla.mil.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

4.1.4 *Leaching system piping for septic tank effluents*—standard and perforated,

4.1.5 *Footing drains (foundation drains)*—standard and perforated,

4.1.6 *Industrial waste disposal*—standard and perforated, and

4.1.7 *Land drainage*—standard and perforated.

## 5. Materials

5.1 *General*—The pipe shall be made from virgin PVC compound with a cell classification of 12164 with a minimum tensile strength of 4000 psi (28 MPa), or 12454 as defined and described in Specification D1784. The fittings shall be made from virgin poly(vinyl chloride) compounds of cell classification PVC 12454, or PVC 13343. PVC compounds that have different cell classification because one or more properties are superior to those of the specified compounds are also acceptable.

5.2 *Rework Material*—The manufacturer shall use only his own clean pipe or fitting rework material; the pipe and fittings produced shall meet all the requirements of this specification.

## 6. Requirements

6.1 *Qualification and Referee Testing:*

6.1.1 *Joint Testing*—Joints made with pipe and fittings or belled end pipe shall show no signs of leakage when tested in accordance with 7.5. This test is not required for perforated pipe.

6.2 *Quality Control Testing:*

6.2.1 *Workmanship*—The pipe and fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and free from visible cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other injurious defects. The pipe shall be as uniform as commercially practical in color, opacity, density, and other physical properties.

6.2.2 *Flattening*—There shall be no evidence of splitting, cracking, or breaking when the pipe is tested in accordance with 7.4.

6.2.3 *Extrusion Quality*—The pipe or fittings shall not flake or disintegrate when tested in accordance with Test Method D2152. In the case of fittings, slight flaking in the gate area is acceptable.

6.2.4 *Impact Resistance*—The impact resistance of pipe shall be determined in accordance with Test Method D2444, using a 20-lb (10-kg) Tup A and Holder B (flat plate), and shall comply with the requirements given in Table 1 (Note 1). For perforated pipe, samples are to be cut and tested at random

without regard to hole location, except that the point of impact shall not coincide with a perforation.

NOTE 1—This test is intended only for use as a quality control test, not for use as a simulated service test.

6.2.5 *Dimensions:*

6.2.5.1 Pipe and fittings dimensions (for both standard and perforated pipe) shall comply with Table 2, Table 3, or Table 4, as applicable, when measured in accordance with Test Method D2122.

6.2.5.2 Pipe shall be supplied in 10 ft ± ¼-in. (3.05 m ± 6 mm) laying lengths unless otherwise specified.

6.2.5.3 For belled pipe and fittings fabricated from pipe sections, the thickness of the belled section shall be considered satisfactory if the bell was formed from pipe meeting the requirements of Table 3.

6.2.5.4 For molded fittings, the wall thickness of the waterway and socket or bell shall be no less than the respective minimum thickness listed for the equivalent pipe wall in Table 3. For reducing fittings or those with smaller inlets, the minimum wall thickness of each inlet shall be no less than the minimum wall thickness for that size pipe.

6.2.6 *Pipe Stiffness*—The pipe stiffness at 5 % deflection ( $F/\Delta y$ ) shall not be less than the values given in Table 5 when tested in accordance with Test Method D2412. This requirement does not apply to fittings.

NOTE 2—The 5 % deflection criterion, which was arbitrarily selected for testing convenience, should not be considered as a limitation with respect to in-use deflection. The engineer is responsible for establishing the acceptable limit.

NOTE 3—The strength and load-carrying capabilities of plastic drain and sewer pipe are measured and reported as Pipe Stiffness which is determined in accordance with Test Method D2412. The term “crush strength” is not applicable to plastic piping because (a) the values obtained can be significantly different, depending on the bedding, loading, or testing technique used; and (b) the term derives from rigid pipe and refers to its ultimate strength at rupture.

6.2.7 *Solvent Cement*—The cement shall comply with Specification D2564.

6.2.8 *Perforations*—Unless otherwise specified, the perforated pipe shall have two rows of holes ½ in. (13 mm) in diameter on 5-in. (125-mm) centers, with allowable tolerances of ⅛ in. (±1 mm) on the diameter and +¼, –0 in. (+6, –0 mm) on the spacing, and the rows shall be parallel to the axis of the pipe and 120 ± 5° apart when measured in accordance with 7.6.

## 7. Test Methods

7.1 *Conditioning:*

TABLE 1 Impact Strength Requirements for PVC Sewer and Drain Pipe at 23°C (73°F)

Nominal Pipe Size, in.	Drop Height	
	ft (20-lb Tup A)	m (9.1-kg Tup A)
2	1.75	0.53
3	2.00	0.61
4	2.25	0.69
5	3.00	0.91
6	3.50	1.07

**TABLE 2 Diameters and Tolerances for PVC Sewer and Drain Pipe**

Nominal Pipe Size, in.	Average Outside Diameter, in. (mm)
2	2.250 ± 0.006 (57.15 ± 0.15)
3	3.250 ± 0.008 (82.55 ± 0.20)
4	4.215 ± 0.009 (107.06 ± 0.22)
5	5.300 ± 0.010 (134.62 ± 0.25)
6	6.275 ± 0.011 (159.39 ± 0.28)

**TABLE 3 Minimum Wall Thicknesses for PVC Sewer and Drain Pipe**

Nominal Pipe Size, in.	Wall Thickness, in. (mm) <sup>A</sup>
2	0.070 (1.78)
3	0.070 (1.78)
4	0.075 (1.90)
5	0.090 (2.27)
6	0.100 (2.54)

<sup>A</sup>Fitting Wall Thickness—A ± 10% variation resulting from core shift is allowable. However, the average of two opposite wall thicknesses shall equal or exceed the value show in the table.

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**7.1.1 Qualification and Referee Conditioning**—Condition the specimens prior to test at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) and 50 ± 10 % relative humidity for not less than 40 h in accordance with Procedure A of Practice **D618** for those tests where conditioning is required.

**7.1.2 Quality Control Testing**—Condition specimens for a minimum of 4 h in air or 1 h in water at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C). Test the specimens at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) without regard to relative humidity.

**7.2 Test Conditions**—Conduct the tests in the standard laboratory atmosphere of 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C) and 50 ± 10 % relative humidity, unless otherwise specified.

**7.3 Materials**—Determine the physical and chemical properties of PVC compounds used in the manufacture of pipe and fittings meeting this specification in accordance with the test methods specified in Specification **D1784**.

**7.4 Flattening**—Flatten three specimens of pipe, at least 2-in. (51-mm) long, between parallel plates in a suitable press until the distance between the plates is 40 % of the outside diameter of the pipe. The rate of loading shall be uniform and such that the compression is completed within 2 to 5 min. On removal of the load, examine the specimens for evidence of splitting, cracking, or breaking.

**7.5 Joint Tightness**—Join two pieces of pipe by means of a fitting in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and with solvent cement as described in **6.2.7**. Allow the joined unit to stand for at least 24 h at room temperature. Subject the unit to an internal water pressure of 25 psi (170 kPa) at room temperature for 24 h. Neither the pipe, fitting, nor joints shall show any leakage.

**7.6 Perforation**—For the perforated pipe the hole diameter and the distance between hole centers shall be measured with a steel rule with at least 1/16-in. (1-mm) graduations. The angle between the two rows of holes shall be measured with an index head capable of measuring accurately to within 1°.

## 8. Retest and Rejection

8.1 If the results of any test(s) do not meet the requirements of this specification, the test(s) shall be conducted again only by agreement between the purchaser and seller. Under such agreement, minimum requirements shall not be lowered, changed, or modified, nor shall specification limits be changed. If upon retest, failure occurs, the quantity of product represented by the test(s) does not meet the requirements of this specification.

## 9. Marking and Labeling

9.1 Pipe in compliance with this specification shall be clearly marked as follows at intervals of 5 ft (1.5 m) or less:

- 9.1.1 Manufacturer’s name or trademark and code,
- 9.1.2 Nominal pipe size,
- 9.1.3 The legend “PVC Sewer Pipe” or “PVC Perforated Pipe,” and
- 9.1.4 This designation, “ASTM D2729.”

9.2 Fittings in compliance with this specification shall be clearly marked as follows:

- 9.2.1 Manufacturer’s name or trademark,
- 9.2.2 Nominal size, and
- 9.2.3 This designation, “ASTM D2729.”

NOTE 4—D2729 pipe should be installed in accordance with Practice